#### Auditing Procedures Report v1.04





Opinion Date	-Use Calendar JUNE 24, 2008	Audit Submitted-Use Calendar	Fiscal Year-Use Drop	p List 2008				
Unit Name	ROYALTON TOWNSHIP	County BERRIEN	Type TOWNSHIP	MuniCode    -    70				
Issued under Public Act 2 of 1968, as amended .								

If a local unit of government (authorities & commissions included) is operating within the boundaries of the audited entity and is NOT included in this or any other audit report, nor do they obtain a stand-alone audit, enclose the name(s), address(es), and a description(s) of the authority and/or commission.

#### Place a check next to each "Yes" or non-applicable question below. Questions left unmarked should be those you wish to answer "No".

X	1. Are all required component units/funds/agencies of the local unit included in the financial statements and/or disclosed in the reporting entity notes to the financial statements?								
X	2. Does the local unit have a positive fund balance in all of it	s unreserved fund balances/unrestricted net assets?							
	3. Were the local unit's actual expenditures within the amounts authorized in the budget?								
X	4. Is this unit in compliance with the Uniform Chart of Accounts issued by the Department of Treasury?								
	5. Did the local unit adopt a budget for all required funds?								
X	6. Was a public hearing on the budget held in accordance with State statute?								
X	7. Is the local unit in compliance with the Revised Municipal Finance Act, an order issued under the Emergency Municipal Loan Act, and other guidance as issued by the Local Audit and Finance Division?								
X	8. Has the local unit distributed tax revenues, that were collected for another taxing unit, timely as required by the general property tax act?								
X	9. Do all deposits/investments comply with statutory require	rements including the adoption of an investment policy?							
X	10. Is the local unit free of illegal or unauthorized expenditures that came to your attention as defined in the Bulletin for Audits of Local Units of Government in Michigan, as revised (see Appendix H of Bulletin.)								
X	11. Is the unit free of any indications of fraud or illegal acts that came to your attention during the course of audit that have not been previously communicated to the Local Audit and Finance Division? (If there is such activity, please submit a separate report under separate cover.)								
X	12. Is the local unit free of repeated reported deficiencies fro	m previous years?							
X	13. Is the audit opinion unqualified? 14. If not, what	type of opinion is it? NA							
X	15. Has the local unit complied with GASB 34 and other gener	ally accepted accounting principles (GAAP)?							
X	16. Has the board or council approved all disbursements prior	to payment as required by charter or statute?							
Γ	17. To your knowledge, were the bank reconciliations that we	re reviewed performed timely?							
X	18. Are there reported deficiencies?	o, was it attached to the audit report?							
	General Fund Revenue: 869,697	General Fund Balance: 1,486,496							
	General Fund Expenditure: 505,327	Governmental Activities Long-Term Debt (see 168,180							
	Major Fund Deficit Amount: N/A	instructions):							

We affirm that we are certified public accountants (CPA) licensed to practice in Michigan. We further affirm the above responses have been disclosed in the financial statements, including the notes, or in the Management Letter (Reported deviations).

CPA (First Name)	ROBERT L.	Last GERBEL	Ten Digit Lice	nse Number 0000	0003953
CPA Street Address	PO BOX 44	City ST. JOSEPH	State MI	Zip Code 49085	Telephone 2699830534
CPA Firm Name	GERBEL & COMPANY, PC	Unit's Street Address 980 MINERS RO	OAD City S	ST. JOSEPH	LU Zip 49085

#### ROYALTON TOWNSHIP BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

**FINANCIAL REPORT** 

March 31, 2008

### ROYALTON TOWNSHIP BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

#### MARCH 31, 2008

#### CONTENTS

	PAGE
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS	I-VI
TOWNSHIP BOARD	1
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT	2
BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:	
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS	3
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES	4
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - BALANCE SHEET	5
RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS	6
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES	7
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES	8
GENERAL FUND - STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL	9
PUBLIC WELFARE MILLAGE FUND - STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL	10
INSPECTION FUND - STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL	11
PUBLIC UTILITY FUND - STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS	12
PUBLIC UTILITY FUND - STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS	13
PUBLIC UTILITY FUND - STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS	14
CURRENT TAX COLLECTION FUND - STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS	15
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS	16-26

#### **CONTENTS - CONTINUED**

	PAGE
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION	
CURRENT TAX COLLECTION FUND: STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS	27
PUBLIC UTILITY FUND: STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS	28
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS	29
SCHEDULES OF INDEBTEDNESS	31-35

#### ROYALTON TOWNSHIP

980 Miners Road St. Joseph, Michigan 49085 (269) 429-2501 \* Fax (269) 429-8373 email address: royaltontwp@sbcglobal.net

Steve Tilly, Supervisor Rocky Genovese, Clerk Michael Klug, Treasurer Robert Basselman, Trustee William Foust, Trustee

#### MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

As the management of Royalton Township, we offer the readers of these financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of Royalton Township for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2008. We encourage readers to consider the overview presented here in conjunction with the additional information that our auditors have provided within this report.

#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The assets of Royalton Township exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$13,914,271. Of this amount, \$7,806,753 may be used to meet the ongoing obligations to our citizens and creditors.

The Township's total net assets increased by \$483,790.

At the close of the current fiscal year, Royalton Township's Governmental Funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$2,339,975 an increase of \$13,049 in comparison with the prior year. Approximately \$2,117,788 of this total is available for spending at the government's discretion.

At the end of the current fiscal year, the general fund unreserved fund balance was \$1,264,309 or 251% of total general fund expenditures.

#### OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to Royalton Township's basic financial statements. Royalton Township's basic financial statements include the following three components:

- 1. Government-Wide Financial Statements
- 2. Fund Financial Statements
- 3. Notes to the Financial Statements

In addition to the basic financial statements themselves, this report also contains other supplementary information.

#### 1. GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Government-Wide Financial Statements are designed to provide the reader with a broad overview of Royalton Township's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The **Statement of Net Assets** presents information on all of Royalton Township's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net assets. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of Royalton Township is improving or deteriorating.

The **Statement of Activities** presents information showing how the Township's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods.

Both of these Government-Wide Financial Statements distinguish Township functions, which are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues from those functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges for services. The governmental activities of Royalton Township include general government, public safety, sanitation, health and welfare, recreation and culture, and community and economic development. The business-type activities of Royalton Township include water and sewer operations.

#### 2. FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. Royalton Township, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of Royalton Township can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, a proprietary fund, and a fiduciary fund.

#### **GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

Governmental Funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the Government-Wide Financial Statements. However, unlike the Government-Wide Financial Statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of Governmental Funds is narrower than that of the Government-Wide Financial Statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for Governmental Funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the Government-Wide Financial Statements. By doing so, the reader may better understand the long-term impact of the Township's near-term financing decisions. Both the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet and the Governmental Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between Governmental Funds and Governmental Activities.

Royalton Township maintains three individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet and in the Governmental Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances for the general fund, the public welfare fund and the inspection fund.

Royalton Township adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general fund. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the general fund and major special revenue funds to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

#### **PROPRIETARY FUNDS**

Enterprise funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the Government-Wide Financial Statements. Royalton Township uses an enterprise fund to account for its water and sewer operations.

#### FIDUCIARY FUNDS

Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the Government-Wide Financial Statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support Royalton Township's own programs. The accounting used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for proprietary funds.

#### 3. NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements.

#### **GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

Net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of Royalton Township, assets exceeded liabilities by \$13,914,271 at the close of the 2007-2008 fiscal year.

Royalton Township uses capital assets to provide services to citizens; and consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although Royalton Township's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

#### ROYALTON TOWNSHIP NET ASSETS

		VERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES		SINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES	CU	RRENT YEAR TOTAL	i	PRIOR YEAR TOTAL
Current and other assets	\$	2,359,754	\$	6,036,880	\$	8,396,634	\$	8,270,561
Capital assets		1,304,020		9,175,214		10,479,234		<u>1</u> 0,430,117
TOTAL ASSETS		3,663,774		15,212,094		18,875,868		18,700,678
Long-term liabilities		168,180		4,630,000		4,798,180		5,120,000
Other liabilities		19,779		143,638		163,417		150,197
TOTAL LIABILITIES		187,959		4,773,638		4,961,597		5,270,197
Invested in capital assets,								
net of related debt		1,304,020		4,545,214		5,849,234		5,535,117
Restricted 222,187		36,097		258,284			57,770	
Unrestricted		1,949,608		5,857,145		7,806,753		7,837,684
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$	3,475,815	\$	10,438,456	\$	13,914,271	\$	13,430,571

\$901 of Royalton Township's net assets (<.5%) represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used and \$257,383 (1.8%) is restricted for uses determined by the tax millage which generated the related revenues. The remaining balance of unrestricted net assets, (\$7,806,753) may be used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

At the end of the current fiscal year, Royalton Township is able to report positive balances in all categories of net assets, both for the government as a whole, as well as for its separate governmental and business-type activities.

#### ROYALTON TOWNSHIP CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES	CURRENT YEAR TOTAL	PRIOR YEAR TOTAL	
REVENUES			<del></del>		
PROGRAM REVENUES					
Charges for services	\$ 322,767	\$ 792,666	\$ 1,115,433	\$ 1,147,787	
Grants and contributions	272,142	-	272,142	268,883	
GENERAL REVENUES					
Property taxes	629,403	-	629,403	356,201	
Interest earned	66,049	284,232	350,281	382,717	
Gain (loss) on sale of assets	5,050	121	5,171	(12,378)	
TOTAL REVENUES	1,295,411	1,077,019	2,372,430	2,143,210	
EXPENSES					
Legislative	6,612	-	6,612	4,979	
General government	484,070	-	484,070	422,080	
Public safety	382,351	-	382,351	356,129	
Public works	25,235	-	25,235	188,935	
Recreation and cultural	56,754	-	56,754	52,688	
Public Utility Fund		933,618	933,618	789,485	
TOTAL EXPENSES	955,022	933,618	1,888,640	1,814,296	
Change in Net Assets	340,389	143,401	483,790	328,914	
Net Assets Beginning of the Year	3,135,426	10,295,055	13,430,481	<u>13,101,567</u>	
NET ASSETS END OF THE YEAR	\$ 3,475,815	\$ 10,438,456	<b>\$ 13,914,271</b>	\$ 13,430,481	

#### **GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES**

Governmental Activities increased Royalton Township's net assets by \$340,389 resulting in a 11% increase in the net assets of Royalton Township. Grants and contributions were \$272,142 or 21% of the total governmental revenues. Charges for services were \$322,767 or 25% of the total governmental revenues. The remaining 54% is composed of property taxes, interest income and gain (loss) on sale of assets. Public safety expenditures totaled \$382,351 or 41% of the governmental expenses. General government and recreation and cultural expenditures totaled 56% of the governmental expenses.

#### **BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES**

Business-type Activities increased Royalton Township's net assets by \$143,401. Charges for services were \$792,666 or 74% of the total business-type revenues. The remaining 26% is composed of interest income and gain on sale of assets.

#### FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF ROYALTON TOWNSHIP'S FUNDS

As noted earlier, Royalton Township uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

#### **GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

The focus of Royalton Township's Governmental Funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing Royalton Township's financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of the end of the current fiscal year Royalton Township's Governmental Funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$2,339,975, an increase of \$13,049 in comparison with the prior year. Approximately 91% of this total amount constitutes unreserved fund balance, which is available for spending at the government's discretion. The remainder of fund balance is reserved to indicate that it is not available for new spending because it has already been committed to pay for future projects.

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of Royalton Township. At the end of the current fiscal year, unreserved fund balance of the General Fund was \$1,264,309. The General Fund balance of Royalton Township has increased by \$366,570 from the previous year.

#### PROPRIETARY FUNDS

Royalton Township's Proprietary Fund provides the same type of information found in the Government-Wide Financial Statements, but in more detail.

Unrestricted net assets of the Public Utility Fund at the end of the year amounted to \$5,857,145. Water activity increased net assets by \$41,100; sewer activity increased net assets by \$102,301.

#### CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Royalton Township's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business-type activities as of March 31, 2008 amounts to \$10,479,234 (net of depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings and improvements, furniture and equipment, and utility systems.

In 2007, Royalton Township approved bonding for a new lift station for sanitary sewer. Royalton Township's sanitary sewer presently flows through St. Joseph Charter Township, and this lift station will allow the sanitary sewer line to bypass St. Joseph Charter Township.

The bond will be paid by user fees from the Public Utility Fund. No special assessments will be charged to property owners for this project.

The new lift station is scheduled to be installed and functioning in late August or September of 2008. The new lift station will be located at the northwest corner of Maiden Lane and Hollywood Road. Sanitary sewage will then be pumped north on Hollywood Road, then under I-94 north down M-63 to the Water Authority's lift station located by the marina in St. Joseph Charter Township.

In 2007, our Fire Department placed into service a new Reserve Pumper Fire Truck. This truck replaced a 1975 Ford Pumper.

In 2008, the Township will begin repairing roads in Royalton Township with the money collected from the new Township road millage. We have worked with the Berrien County Road Commission to develop a plan for repairing the roads.

#### LONG-TERM DEBT

At the end of the current fiscal year, Royalton Township had total debt outstanding of \$4,798,180.

State statutes limit the amount of general obligation bond debt governmental entities may issue to 10% of its total state equalized valuation and the amount of general obligation installment note debt to 1.25% of its total state equalized valuation. The current debt limitation for Royalton Township is \$27,149,343 for bond debt and \$3,393,667 for note debt, which is significantly in excess of the Royalton Township's outstanding general obligation debt.

#### **NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET**

Royalton Township anticipates expenditures over revenues in the general fund will result in a \$23 increase in fund balance.

#### REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of Royalton Township's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to Royalton Township, 980 Miners Road, St. Joseph, Michigan 49085.

#### ROYALTON TOWNSHIP TOWNSHIP BOARD MARCH 31, 2008

STEVE TILLY SUPERVISOR

ROCKY GENOVESE CLERK

MICHAEL KLUG TREASURER

WILLIAM FOUST TRUSTEE

ROBERT BASSLEMAN TRUSTEE

#### Gerbel & Company, P.C.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Fifth Third Bank Building ■ 4th Floor ■ 830 Pleasant Street ■ P.O. Box 44 ■ St. Joseph, Michigan 49085-0044

June 24, 2008

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Township Board Royalton Township St. Joseph, Michigan

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of Royalton Township, as of and for the year ended March 31, 2008, which collectively comprise the Township's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Township's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures on the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial positions of the governmental activities, the business-type activities and each major fund, of Royalton Township, as of March 31, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management's discussion and analysis information on pages I through VI is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Royalton Township's basic financial statements. The supplementary information is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The supplementary information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Seeled a Conjuny, P.C.

Right. On time.

#### ROYALTON TOWNSHIP STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS MARCH 31, 2008

	PRIMARY GOVERNMENT					
	GOVERNMENTA <u>ACTIVITIES</u>	L BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES	<u>TOTAL</u>			
ASSETS			<del></del>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,888,92	22 \$ 1,982,770	\$ 3,871,692			
Restricted cash	222,18	36,097	258,284			
Certificates of deposit	181,15	214,083	395,235			
Current portion of special assessment receivable		- 477,794	477,794			
Receivables	31,20	00 35,429	66,629			
Due from Current Tax Fund	11,66		11,665			
Due from employees	1,99	- 00	1,990			
Prepaid expenses	22,63	- 88	22,638			
Bond cost (net of accumulated amortization)		- 152,112	152,112			
Bond discount (net of accumulated amortization)		- 59,394	59,394			
Special assessment receivable		- 3,079,201	3,079,201			
Capital assets (net of related depreciation):						
Land	187,87	'5 -	187,875			
Buildings	519,24	- 3	519,243			
Vehicles	501,91	0 -	501,910			
Equipment	94,99	- 2	94,992			
Utility systems			9,175,214			
Total Assets	3,663,77	15,212,094	18,875,868			
LIABILITIES						
Accounts payable	19,77	9 60,576	80,355			
Accrued interest		- 83,062	83,062			
Noncurrent liabilities:						
Due within one year	33,12	21 315,000	348,121			
Due in more than one year	135,05	4,315,000	4,450,059			
Total Liabilities	187,95	4,773,638	4,961,597			
NET ASSETS						
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	1,304,02	20 4,545,214	5,849,234			
Restricted for cemetery	90	)1 -	901			
Restricted for road improvements	221,28	- 36	221,286			
Restricted for construction		- 36,097	36,097			
Unrestricted	1,949,60	5,857,145	7,806,753			
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$ 3,475,81	5 \$ 10,438,456	\$ 13,914,271			

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

#### ROYALTON TOWNSHIP STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

			PROGRAM REVENUES					
FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS PRIMARY GOVERNMENT:		EXPENSES		CHARGES FOR SERVICES		OPERATING GRANTS AND ONTRIBUTIONS	CAPITAL GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS	
Governmental Activities:	•	0.040	•		æ		¢.	
Legislative	\$	6,612	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	
General government		484,070		150,109		272,142	-	
Public safety		382,351		172,658		-	-	
Public works		25,235		-		-	-	
Recreation and cultural		56,754	_					
Total Governmental Activities		955,022	_	322,767	_	272,142		
Business-type Activities:								
Public Utility Fund		933,618		792,666		_	_	
Fublic Guilty Fulla		900,010	_	7 92,000	_			
Total Business-type Activities		933,618	_	792,666	_			
Total Primary Government	<b>\$</b> 1	,888,640	\$	1,115,433	\$	272,142	\$ -	

General revenues:
Property taxes
Interest
Gain (loss) on sale of assets

Total General Revenues

Change in Net Assets

Net Assets - Beginning of the Year NET ASSETS - END OF THE YEAR

### NET (EXPENSE) REVENUES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS PRIMARY GOVERNMENT

	PRIMARY GOVERNMENT								
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES			SINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES	TOTAL					
\$	(6,612) (61,819) (209,693) (25,235) (56,754)	\$	- - - -	\$	(6,612) (61,819) (209,693) (25,235) (56,754)				
	(360,113)		<u>-</u>		(360,113)				
_		_	(140,952) (140,952) (140,952)	_	(140,952) (140,952) (501,065)				
	629,403 66,049 5,050		284,232 121		629,403 350,281 5,171				
	700,502		284,353		984,855				
	340,389		143,401		483,790				
	3,135,426		10,295,055	_	13,430,481				
\$	3,475,815	\$	10,438,456	\$ ^	13,914,271				

#### ROYALTON TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET MARCH 31, 2008

	GENERAL <u>FUND</u>	PUBLIC WELFARE MILLAGE FUND	INSPECTION FUND	TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
ASSETS				
Current Assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,053,825	\$ 396,108	\$ 438,989	\$ 1,888,922
Restricted cash for cemetery	901	-	-	901
Restricted for road improvements	221,286	-	-	221,286
Certificates of deposit	181,152	-	-	181,152
Taxes receivable	21,111	10,089	-	31,200
Due from other funds	11,665	-	-	11,665
Due from employees	1,990	-	-	1,990
Prepaid expense	11,356	11,282		22,638
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,503,286	\$ 417,479	\$ 438,989	\$ 2,359,754
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES Current Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	16,790	1,863	1,126	19,779
Total Liabilities	16,790	1,863	1,126	19,779
Fund Balances:				
Reserved for cemetery	901	_	_	901
Reserved for road improvements	221,286	-	_	221,286
Unreserved	1,264,309	415,616	437,863	2,117,788
Total Fund Balances	1,486,496	415,616	437,863	2,339,975
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 1,503,286	\$ 417,479	\$ 438,989	\$ 2,359,754

### ROYALTON TOWNSHIP RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS MARCH 31, 2008

Fund balances of governmental funds

\$ 2,339,975

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds. These assets consist of:

Capital assets, at cost Accumulated depreciation \$ 1,954,891 (650,871)

Net capital assets

1,304,020

Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and

therefore are not reported in the funds

(168,180)

Net assets of governmental activities

\$ 3,475,815

#### ROYALTON TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

	G	ENERAL <u>FUND</u>	PUBLIC WELFARE MILLAGE <u>FUND</u>	INS	SPECTION FUND	GO	TOTAL VERNMENTAL <u>FUNDS</u>
REVENUES: Taxes	\$	406,516	\$ 222,887	\$		\$	629,403
State revenues	Ψ	272,142	Φ 222,007	Ψ	_	Φ	272,142
Collection fees		60,216	_		_		60,216
Permits		-	_		172,658		172,658
Rents		10,907	_		-		10,907
Cemetery revenue		6,791	_		_		6,791
Interest		40,930	11,681		13,438		66,049
Other		72,195			<u> </u>		72,195
Total Revenues		869,697	234,568		186,096		1,290,361
EXPENDITURES:							
Legislative		6,612	-		-		6,612
General government		446,002			-		446,002
Public safety		2,874	91,317		236,627		330,818
Public works		25,235	40.050		-		25,235
Recreation and cultural		10,098	46,656		45.054		56,754
Capital outlay	_	14,506	387,184	_	15,251	_	416,941
Total Expenditures		505,327	525,157		251,878		1,282,362
Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		364,370	(290,589)		(65,782)		7,999
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):							
Sale of assets		2,200	2,850	_			5,050
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		2,200	2,850				5,050
Net Change in Fund Balances		366,570	(287,739)		(65,782)		13,049
Fund Balances - Beginning of the Year		1,119,926	703,355		503,645		2,326,926
FUND BALANCES - END OF THE YEAR	\$	1,486,496	\$ 415,616	\$	437,863	\$	2,339,975

## ROYALTON TOWNSHIP RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$	13,049
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays (\$372,433) exceeded depreciation (\$76,913).		295,520
Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets	_	31,820
Changes in net assets of governmental activities	\$	340 389

### ROYALTON TOWNSHIP GENERAL FUND

### STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

	BUDGETED AMOUNTS		SACTUAL		VARIANCES WITH FINAL BUDGET POSITIVE			
	<u>C</u>	RIGINAL		<u>FINAL</u>		MOUNTS		EGATIVE)
REVENUES:								
Taxes	\$	330,132	\$	330,132	\$	406,516	\$	76,384
State revenues		266,460		264,037		272,142		8,105
Collection fees		36,110		53,542		60,216		6,674
Rents		2,425		2,425		10,907		8,482
Cemetery revenue		6,900		6,900		6,791		(109)
Interest		12,000		7,175		40,930		33,755
Other		44,500	_	63,169	_	72,195	_	9,026
Total Revenues	_	698,527	_	727,380	_	869,697	_	142,317
EXPENDITURES:								
Legislative		6,600		6,600		6,612		(12)
General government		458,585		478,522		446,002		32,520
Public safety		3,085		3,085		2,874		211
Public works		32,400		32,500		25,235		7,265
Recreation and cultural		15,995		15,995		10,098		5,897
Capital outlay		-		-	_	14,506		(14,506)
Total Expenditures	_	516,665	_	536,702	_	505,327		31,375
Other Financing Sources (Uses):								
Sale of assets	_		_		_	2,200	_	2,200
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)			_			2,200	_	2,200
Net Change in Fund Balances		181,862		190,678		366,570		175,892
Fund Balances - Beginning of the Year	_	1,119,926	_	1,119,926		1,119,926	_	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCES - END OF THE YEAR	<u>\$</u> _	1,301,788	\$ ^	1,310,604	\$	1,486,496	\$	175,892

# ROYALTON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WELFARE MILLAGE FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

	BUDGETED AMOUNTS			VARIANCES WITH FINAL BUDGET
REVENUES:	ORIGINAL	<u>FINAL</u>	ACTUAL AMOUNTS	POSITIVE (NEGATIVE)
Taxes Interest			\$ 222,887 11,681	
Total Revenues	\$ 183,000	\$ 196,833	234,568	\$ 37,735
EXPENDITURES: Public safety Recreation and cultural Capital outlay  Total Expenditures	191,392	397,103	91,317 46,656 387,184 525,157	(128,054)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES): Sale of assets Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)			2,850 2,850	2,850
Net Change in Fund Balances	(8,392)	(200,270)	(287,739)	(87,469)
Fund Balances - Beginning of the Year	703,355	703,355	703,355	
FUND BALANCES - END OF THE YEAR	\$ 694,963	\$ 503,085	\$ 415,616	\$ (87,469)

# ROYALTON TOWNSHIP INSPECTION FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL MARCH 31, 2008

	BUDGETED AMOUNTS			VARIANCES WITH FINAL BUDGET	
REVENUES:	ORIGINAL	<u>FINAL</u>	ACTUAL AMOUNTS	POSITIVE (NEGATIVE)	
Permits Interest			\$ 172,658 13,438		
Total Revenues	\$ 198,000	\$ 198,000	186,096	\$ (11,904)	
EXPENDITURES: Public safety Capital outlay			236,627 15,251		
Total Expenditures	205,346	240,000	_251,878	(11,878)	
Net Change in Fund Balances	(7,346)	(42,000)	(65,782)	(23,782)	
Fund Balances - Beginning of the Year	503,645	503,645	503,645		
FUND BALANCES - END OF THE YEAR	\$ 496,299	\$ 461,645	\$ 437,863	\$ (23,782)	

#### ROYALTON TOWNSHIP PROPRIETARY FUND PUBLIC UTILITY FUND STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS MARCH 31, 2008

ASSETS	
Current Assets:  Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,982,770
Restricted cash	36,097
Certificates of deposit	214,083
Current portion of special assessment receivable	477,794
Delinquent water receivable	2,901
Delinquent special assessment receivable	32,528
Total Current Assets	2,746,173
Noncurrent Assets:	
Special assessment receivable	3,079,201
Water bond cost, net of \$92,494 accumulated amortization	152,112
Water bond discount, net of \$42,689 accumulated amortization	59,394
Plant, property, and equipment	12,194,176
Accumulated depreciation	(3,018,962)
Total Noncurrent Assets	12,465,921
Total Assets	15,212,094
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	60,576
Current portion of bonds payable	290,000
Current portion of note payable	25,000
Accrued interest	83,062
Total Current Liabilities	458,638
Long-Term Liabilities:	
Bonds payable, net of current portion	4,315,000
Total Liabilities	4,773,638
Net Assets:	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	4,545,214
Restricted for construction	36,097
Unrestricted	5,857,145
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$ 10,438,456

# ROYALTON TOWNSHIP PROPRIETARY FUND PUBLIC UTILITY FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

OPERATING REVENUES: Changes for services	\$ 792,666
OPERATING EXPENSES:	
Sewer treatment charges	226,666
Professional services	23,460
Salaries and wages	24,151
Payroll taxes	1,848
Depreciation and amortization	291,353
Utilities	22,094
Supplies  Repair and maintenance	17,713
Repair and maintenance Contribution to LMSWSTA	33,556 87,050
Miscellaneous	6,018
Misochaneous	
Total Operating Expenses	733,909
Operating Income	58,757
NONOPERATIING REVENUES (EXPENSES):	
Interest income	284,232
Interest expense	(199,709)
Gain on sale of assets	121
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	84,644
Change in Net Assets	143,401
Total Net Assets - Beginning of the Year	10,295,055
TOTAL NET ASSETS - END OF THE YEAR	\$ 10,438,456

# ROYALTON TOWNSHIP PROPRIETARY FUND PUBLIC UTILITY FUND STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES: Cash receipts from customers Other payments Payments to employees Payments to suppliers	\$ 1,119,398 (22,773) (25,999) (394,439)
Net cash provided by operating activities	676,187
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES: Interest paid on capital debt Principal paid on capital debt Sales of capital assets Purchases of capital assets	(203,750) (290,000) 2,613 (30,106)
Net cash used by capital and related financing activities	(521,243)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: Special assessment interest received Interest and dividends received	208,047 76,185
Net cash provided by investing activities	284,232
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	439,176
Balances - Beginning of the Year	1,793,774
BALANCES - END OF THE YEAR	\$ 2,232,950
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Operating income	\$ 58,757
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation and amortization expense (Increase) decrease in:	291,353
Accounts receivable Increase (decrease) in: Accounts payable	326,732 54,856
Due to other governments	(55,511)
Total Adjustments	617,430
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$ 676,187

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

# ROYALTON TOWNSHIP FIDUCIARY FUND CURRENT TAX COLLECTION FUND STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS MARCH 31, 2008

# ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents TOTAL ASSETS \$ 11,665 LIABILITIES Due to General Fund \$ 11,665 TOTAL LIABILITIES \$ 11,665

#### **NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accounting methods and procedures adopted by Royalton Township, Michigan, conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applied to governmental entities. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant government accounting policies are described below:

#### A. REPORTING ENTITY

In evaluating how to define the Township's reporting purposes, management has considered all potential component units. The decision whether to include a potential component unit in the reporting entity was made by applying the criteria set forth in generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The basic - but not the only - criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is the governing body's ability to exercise oversight responsibility. The most significant manifestation of this ability is financial interdependency. Other manifestations of the ability to exercise oversight responsibility include, but are not limited to, the selection of governing authority, the designation of management, the ability to significantly influence operations and accountability of fiscal matters. The other criterion used to evaluate potential component units for inclusion or exclusion from the reporting entity is the existence of special financing relationships, regardless of whether the Township is able to exercise oversight responsibilities. Based upon the application of these criteria, the Township does not have any component units.

#### **B. GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The government-wide financial statements (i.e. the statements of net assets and the statement of changes in net assets) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the primary government of the Township. For the most part, the effect of interfund activities has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which are normally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for services.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

#### C. MEASUREMENT FOCUS, BASIS OF ACCOUNTING, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. In the individual fund statements and schedules, the proprietary fund and fiduciary fund financial statements are also reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenues as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

#### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

#### C. MEASUREMENT FOCUS, BASIS OF ACCOUNTING, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The Township considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures and compensated absences, and claims and judgments are recorded only when payment is due.

Property taxes, franchise fees, licenses and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. Only the portion of special assessments receivable due within the current fiscal period is considered to be susceptible to accrual as revenue of the current period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the Township.

Royalton Township reports the following major governmental funds:

The **General Fund** is the Township's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The **Public Welfare Millage Fund** is used to account for the Township's fire department as well as payments for library and ambulance service.

The Inspection Fund is used to account for the activities of the inspection department.

Royalton Township reports the following major proprietary fund:

The **Public Utility Fund** accounts for the activities related to the Township's water production, purification, distribution, billing, sanitary collection system and waste water treatment.

Additionally, Royalton Township reports the following fund type:

The **Agency Fund** is used to collect and distribute State of Michigan, Berrien County, Lake Michigan College, Berrien Springs Public Schools, St. Joseph Public Schools, Lakeshore Public Schools, and Berrien County Intermediate School District property taxes.

Private-sector standards of accounting and financial reporting issued prior to December 1, 1989, generally are followed in both the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with or contradict guidance of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. Governments also have the option of following subsequent private sector guidance for their business-type activities and enterprise funds, subject to this same limitation. The Township has elected not to follow subsequent private-sector guidance.

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

Amounts reported as program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services or privileges provided, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments. All taxes are reported as general revenues.

#### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

#### C. MEASUREMENT FOCUS, BASIS OF ACCOUNTING, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. Operating expense for proprietary funds includes the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Township's policy to use restricted resources first. Unrestricted resources are used as they are needed.

#### D. BUDGETARY DATA

At a March meeting the Township Manager submits to the Township Board a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them for all governmental and proprietary fund types. Public hearings are then conducted at the Township Hall to obtain taxpayer comments. Prior to March 31, the budget is legally enacted on a summary budget basis through passage of a resolution.

#### E. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets, which include property, plant, and equipment, are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by Royalton Township as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years.

All capital assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual cost is not available. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value on the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the assets or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized.

Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets used is charged as an expense against their operations in government-wide statements and all proprietary financial statements. Accumulated depreciation is reported on government-wide and proprietary statements of net assets. The straight-line depreciation method is applied over the estimated useful lives of fixed assets.

The straight-line depreciation method is used for all depreciable capital assets. The estimated useful lives for capital assets are displayed in the table below:

ASSET CLASS	DEPRECIABLE LIFE
Land	N/A
Buildings	40 years
Equipment	5-10 years
Vehicles	5-15 years
Utility Systems	39-40 years

Bond costs and bond discounts are capitalized and amortized using the straight-line method over the life of the bonds.

#### NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

#### F. LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

In the government-wide financial statements and proprietary fund in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities and business-type activities or proprietary fund statements of net assets. Bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using straight-line amortization. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Bond issuance costs are reported as deferred charges and amortized over the term of the related debt.

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, during the current period. The face amount of debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources. Bond discounts are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt received, are reported as debt service.

#### G. PROPERTY TAXES

Township property taxes are levied on December 1 and are payable without penalty through February 15. The Township bills and collects its own property taxes and also taxes for the County and several school districts within its jurisdiction. Collections and remittances of all taxes are accounted for in the Current Tax Agency Fund.

#### H. SANITATION AND WATER BILLINGS

The Township has a contract with the City of St. Joseph for Sanitation Supply System and Water Supply System billings. The City collects the billings and remits the Township's portion according to the contract.

#### I. INVESTMENTS AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Investments are stated at cost or amortized cost, which approximates market.

All highly liquid investments (including restricted assets) with a maturity of three months or less when purchased are defined as cash equivalents.

#### J. ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the use of estimates and assumptions that affect the reporting of certain assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenditures. Actual results may differ from estimated amounts.

#### **NOTE 2 - CASH DEPOSITS**

Michigan Compiled Laws Section 129.91 (Public Act 20 of 1943, as amended) authorizes local governmental units to make deposits and invest in the accounts of federally insured banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations that have offices in Michigan. The local unit is allowed to invest in bonds, securities, and other direct obligations of the United States or any agency or instrumentality of the United States; repurchase agreements; bankers' acceptances of United States banks; commercial paper rated within the two highest classifications, which matures not more than 270 days after the date of purchase; obligations of the State of Michigan or its political subdivisions, which are rated as investment grade; and mutual funds composed of investment vehicles that are legal for direct investment by local units of government in Michigan. Royalton Township's deposits are in accordance with statutory authority. The Township has designated Fifth Third Bank for the deposit of its funds.

#### **NOTE 2 - CASH DEPOSITS - CONTINUED**

At year end, the deposits and investments were reported in the basic financial statements in the following categories:

	GOVERNMENTAL	<b>BUSINESS-TYPE</b>	TOTAL PRIM	ARY
	<b>ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>ACTIVITIES</b>	GOVERNME	<u>:NT</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,888,922	\$ 1,982,770	\$ 3,871,	692
Restricted cash	222,187	36,097	258,	284
Certificates of deposit	<u> 181,152</u>	214,083	395,	<u> 235</u>
Total	\$ 2,292,261	\$ 2,232,950	\$ 4,525,	211

#### YEAR-END DEPOSITS

For the bank deposits and certificates of deposit, \$100,000 was covered by federal depository insurance and \$4,436,876 was uninsured. The bank balances are categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the Township at year-end.

	CARRYING <u>AMOUNT</u>	BANK BALANCES
PRIMARY GOVERNMENT		
Amount insured by the FDIC Uninsured	\$ 88,335 4,436,876	\$ 55,674 <u>4,447,929</u>
Total Primary Government	\$ 4,525,211	\$ 4,503,603
FIDUCIARY FUND		
Amount insured by the FDIC	<u>11,665</u>	44,326
Total Reporting Entity	\$ 4,536,876	\$ 4,547,929

#### **NOTE 3 - JOINT VENTURE**

#### LAKE MICHIGAN SHORELINE WATER & SEWAGE TREATMENT AUTHORITY

On July 18, 1964, the Townships of St. Joseph and Lincoln, and Villages of Shoreham and Stevensville formed a joint venture to acquire, improve, extend and operate a water supply and sewage disposal system. In January 2000, Royalton Township joined the Authority.

The three participating townships fund the operating and debt service costs based on their percentage of the total usage of the water supply and sewage disposal system.

The governing body consists of eight members. Each township selects two members and each village selects one member. From these eight members a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer are selected.

An annual budget is submitted to and approved by the Authority. Once this has been completed, the budget is reviewed by each respective municipality for approval.

In accordance with the Autority's charter, budget approval requires unanimous consent of all members. The Village of Stevensville refused to approve the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007. As a result, the three township members of the Authority formed a new entity to take responsibility for the day to day operations. The new entity is called the Southwest Michigan Regional Sanitary Sewer & Water Authority.

#### **NOTE 3 - JOINT VENTURE - CONTINUED**

The Lake Michigan Shoreline Water & Sewage Treatment Authority will continue to account for the construction of the two water tower projects and be responsible for debt service on the bonds issued April 24, 2007.

The member contribution percentages for the year ended March 31, 2008, are as follows: Royalton Township - 11.63%, Lincoln Township - 58.12%, and St. Joseph Charter Township - 30.25%.

The following is audited financial information from the Lake Michigan Shoreline Water & Sewage Treatment Authority for the year ended June 30, 2007. A copy of the audited financial report is available for review at the Township office.

	MODIFIED ACCRUAL	<b>FULL ACCRUAL</b>
Assets	\$ 6,417,148	\$ 7,613,613
Liabilities	219,485	6,481,447
Fund Equity	6,197,663	1,132,166
Revenues and Other Financing Sources	6,835,607	513,237
Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	1,281,522	205,814
Increase in Fund Equity/Net Assets	5,554,085	307,423

The Township is contingently liable for 11.63% (\$710,012) of the \$6,105,000 outstanding balance due on the Water Supply System Bonds, Series 2007 issued to Lake Michigan Shoreline Water & Sewage Treatment Authority on April 24, 2007.

#### **NOTE 4 - CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital assets activities for the year ended March 31, 2008 were as follows:

	BALANCE APRIL 1, 2007	ADDITIONS	DELETIONS	BALANCE MARCH 31, 2008
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES Land	<u>\$ 187,875</u>	\$	<u>\$</u>	\$ 187,875
Buildings Equipment Vehicles	\$ 736,645 201,549 475,519	\$ - 10,000 362,433	\$ - - (19,130)	\$ 736,645 211,549 818,822
Subtotal	1,413,713	372,433	(19,130)	1,767,016
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(593,088)	(76,913)	19,130	(650,871)
Total Capital Assets Other Than Land	\$ 820,625	\$ 295,520	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ 1,116,145

#### **NOTE 4 - CAPITAL ASSETS - CONTINUED**

BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES	BALANCE APRIL 1, 2007	ADDITIONS	DELETIONS	BALANCE MARCH 31, 2008
Construction in process	\$ 456,619	<u>\$ -</u>	\$ (456,619)	\$ -
Vehicles Utility Systems	\$ 22,876 11,695,391	\$ - 486,725	\$ (10,816) 	\$ 12,060 12,182,116
Subtotal	11,718,267	486,725	(10,816)	12,194,176
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(2,753,269)	(274,018)	8,325	(3,018,962)
Total Capital Assets Other Than Construction in Process	\$ 8,964,998	\$ 212,707	\$ (2,491)	\$ 9,175,214

Depreciation expense was charged in the following functions in the statement of activities:

#### **GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTIONS:**

General government Public safety	\$ 25,380 51,533
Total	\$ 76,913
BUSINESS-TYPE FUNCTIONS: Public Utility Fund	\$ 274,018
Total	\$ 274,018

#### **NOTE 5 - LONG-TERM DEBT**

The following is a summary of long-term debt transactions of the primary government for the year ended March 31, 2008:

			GENERAL	
	1	NOTES	OBLIGATION	
	<u>P/</u>	AYABLE	<b>BONDS</b>	TOTAL
Balance, April 1, 2007 Debt redeemed	\$	250,000 (56,820)	\$ 4,870,000 (265,000)	\$ 5,120,000 (321,820)
Balance, March 31, 2008	\$	193,180	\$ 4,605,000	\$ 4,798,180

#### **NOTE 5 - LONG-TERM DEBT - CONTINUED**

Long-term debt at March 31, 2008 is comprised of the following individual issues:

BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES	BALANCE APRIL1, 2007	ADDITIONS	REDUCTIONS	BALANCE MARCH 31, 2008	DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR
Berrien County Water Supply System No. 26 Bonds, Series 2005. Principal is due in annual installments of \$15,000 - \$45,000 through May 1, 2025; interest varies from 3.55% - 4.70%	\$ 530,000	\$ -	\$ (15,000)	\$ 515,000	\$ 15,000
Berrien County Water Supply System No. 25 Bonds, Series 2003. Principal is due in annual installments of \$100,000 - \$200,000 through May 1, 2023; interest rate varies from 2.4% - 4.45%	2,450,000	_	(100,000)	2,350,000	100,000
Berrien County Water Supply System No. 23 Bonds, Series 1998. Principal is due in annual installments of \$100,000 - \$145,000 through May 1, 2018; interest rate varies from 4.4% - 4.75%	1,295,000	-	(100,000)	1,195,000	100,000
Berrien County Water Supply System No. 20 Bonds, Series 1994. Principal is due in annual installments of \$75,000 - \$95,000 through May 1, 2014; interest rate varies from 5.75% - 6%	595,000		(50,000)	545,000	75,000
Total General Obligation Bonds	4,870,000		(265,000)	4,605,000	290,000

The repayment of these general obligation bonds is guaranteed by the Township and Berrien County. The bonds were issued by Berrien County and the Township pays the County the current maturities under a contract. The bonds represent the financing of public improvements that benefit specific districts; these districts are assessed, at least in part, for the cost of the improvements. At March 31, 2008, there is \$3,556,995 of special assessments receivable in the future, the amount expected to be received within one year is \$477,794; the amount of delinquent receivables at March 31, 2008 is not significant.

#### NOTE 5 - LONG-TERM DEBT - CONTINUED

BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES - CONTINUED	BALANCE APRIL1, 2007	ADDITIONS	REDUCTIONS	BALANCE MARCH 31, 2008	DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR
The Township agrees to reimburse Lincoln Township for the oversized water transmission mains in the amount of \$250,000 paid in annual installments of \$25,000 through June 1, 2008; no interest					
is being charged.	50,000		(25,000)	25,000	25,000
<b>Total Business-Type Activities</b>	\$ 4,920,000	\$ -	\$ (290,000)	\$ 4,630,000	\$ 315,000
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES - PRIMARY GOVERNMENT					
A March 30, 2007, installment note to Fifth Third Bank in the amount of \$200,000 is due in annual principal installments of \$40,000 including interest at 4.09% per annum through March 16, 2013.	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ (31,820)	<u>\$ 168,180</u>	\$ 33,121
Total Governmental Activities - Primary Government	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ (31,820)	\$ 168,180	\$ 33,121

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for the above obligations are as follows:

YEAR ENDING	BUSINESS-TY	PE ACTIVITIES	GOVERNMENT	TAL ACTIVITIES	<u>TO</u>	<u>TAL</u>
MARCH 31, 2008	PRINCIPAL	<u>INTEREST</u>	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	PRINCIPAL	<b>INTEREST</b>
2009	\$ 315,000	\$ 193,089	\$ 33,121	\$ 6,879	\$ 348,121	\$ 199,968
2010	295,000	181,093	34,476	<b>5</b> ,5 <b>24</b>	329,476	186,617
2011	295,000	168,515	35,886	4,114	330,886	172,629
2012	320,000	155,226	37,354	2,646	357,354	157,872
2013	320,000	141,299	27,343	1,118	347,343	142,417
2014-2018	1,550,000	496,961	-	-	1,550,000	496,961
2019-2023	1,210,000	198,061	-	-	1,210,000	198,061
2024-2028	325,000	13,448		<del></del>	325,000	13,448
Total	\$ 4,630,000	\$ 1,547,692	<u>\$ 168,180</u>	\$ 20,281	\$ 4,798,180	\$ 1,567,973

#### NOTE 6 - INTERFUND RECEIVABLES, PAYABLES, AND TRANSFERS

The composition of interfund balances as of March 31, 2008, is as follows:

Due to/from other funds:

RECEIVABLE FUND	<u>AMOUNT</u>	PAYABLE FUND	<u>AMOUNT</u>
General Fund	\$ 11,665	Current Tax Fund	\$ 11,665

The Current Tax Fund collects tax revenue and remits it to the General Fund.

#### **NOTE 7 - RESTRICTED ASSETS**

Restricted assets at March 31, 2008, consist of \$36,097 of cash held at Berrien County. The restricted cash is used for construction in Royalton Township's Public Utility Fund. There is also \$901 of cash in the General Fund restricted for cemetery expenditures, and \$221,286 restricted for road improvements.

#### **NOTE 8 - DEFINED CONTRIBUTION RETIREMENT PLAN**

The Township provides pension benefits to all of its full-time employees and elected officials through a defined contribution plan. In a defined contribution plan, benefits depend solely on amounts contributed to the plan plus investment earnings. Employees are eligible to participate from the date of employment. As established by the Township Board, the Township contributes fifteen percent of employees' gross earnings and employees contribute a minimum of five percent, and a maximum of 10% of earnings. The Township's contributions for each employee (plus interest allocated to the employee's account) are fully vested immediately.

The Township's total payroll during the current year was \$322,022. The current year contribution was calculated based on covered payroll of \$269,884, resulting in an employer contribution of \$39,972 and employee contributions of \$14,280.

#### **NOTE 9 - DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN**

The Township offers a deferred compensation plan administered by ING Life Insurance and Annuity Company called the Royalton Township 457 Plan. Eligible employees may contribute 100% of their includible compensation up to limits set by law. There is no requirement for employer contributions. For the current year there were no employer contributions; employees' contributions totaled \$2,272.

#### NOTE 10 - SUMMARY DISCLOSURE OF SIGNIFICANT CONTINGENCIES

Certain claims, suits and complaints arising in the ordinary course of business have been filed or are pending against the Township. In the opinion of management and legal counsel, all such matters are covered by insurance or if not so covered, are without merit and, in any event, their ultimate resolution will not have a material effect on the Township's financial position or operations.

#### ROYALTON TOWNSHIP NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS MARCH 31, 2008

#### **NOTE 11 - EXPENDITURES OVER BUDGET**

P.A. 621 of 1978 Section 18, as amended, provides that a local unit shall not incur expenditures in excess of the amount appropriated. The approved budget of the Township was adopted at the function level. During the year ended March 31, 2008, the Township incurred expenditures in certain budgetary functions, which were in excess of the amount appropriated as follows:

	ACTIVITY APPROPRIATION			ACTIVITY PENDITURES	NEGETIVE BUDGET ACTIVITY		
GENERAL FUND Legislative Capital outlay	\$	6,600	\$	6,612 14,506	\$	(12) (14,506)	
PUBLIC WELFARE MILLAGE FUND		397,103		525,157		(128,054)	
INSPECTION FUND		240,000		251,878		(11,878)	

#### **NOTE 12 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Township is exposed to various risks of loss related to limited torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions and natural disasters for which the Township carries commercial insurance. There have been no significant reductions in coverage from the prior year and settlements have not exceeded coverage in the past three years.

#### **NOTE 13 - SUBSEQUENT EVENT**

On May 1, 2008, the Township issued capital improvement bonds in the amount of \$2,385,000. The bonds are general obligation bonds issued for the purpose of installing a new sanitary lift station and other improvements to the Township's sanitary sewer system. Principal payments range from \$70,000 to \$185,000 per year plus interest varying from 3.0 - 4.0% per year. The final bonds are scheduled to mature on May 1, 2028.

## ROYALTON TOWNSHIP AGENCY FUND

# STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS - TAX COLLECTION FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

RECEIPTS:	
Current property tax collections	\$ 6,377,773
Interest	9,325
Total Receipts	6,387,098
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Public schools	1,621,803
Berrien County	2,642,612
Other funds	1,149,388
Berrien County I.S.D.	533,058
Lake Michigan College	402,373
Airport	22,110
State of Michigan	6,429
Interest	5,623
Total Disbursements	6,383,396
Receipts Over Disbursements	3,702
Cash - Beginning of the Year	7,963
CASH - END OF THE YEAR	\$ 11,665

#### ROYALTON TOWNSHIP PROPRIETARY FUND PUBLIC UTILITY FUND STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS MARCH 31, 2008

ASSETS Current Assets:	SEWER ACTIVITY	WATER ACTIVITY	<u>TOTAL</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ (875,233)	\$ 2,858,003	\$ 1,982,770
Restricted cash	683	35,414	36,097
Certificates of deposit	-	214,083	214,083
Current portion of special assessment receivable	-	477,794	477,794
Delinquent water receivable	-	2,901	2,901
Delinquent special assessment receivable		32,528	32,528
Total Current Assets	(874,550)	3,620,723	2,746,173
Noncurrent Assets:			
Special assessment receivable	200	3,079,001	3,079,201
Water bond cost, net of \$92,494 accumulated amortization	-	152,112	152,112
Water bond discount, net of \$42,689 accumulated amortization	-	59,394	59,394
Plant, property, and equipment	5,620,985	6,573,191	12,194,176
Accumulated depreciation	(1,954,617)	(1,064,345)	(3,018,962)
Total Noncurrent Assets	3,666,568	8,799,353	12,465,921
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2,792,018	\$ 12,420,076	\$ 15,212,094

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS Current Liabilities:	SEWER <u>ACTIVITY</u>	WATER ACTIVITY	TOTAL
Accounts payable	\$ 60,576	\$ -	\$ 60,576
Current portion of bonds payable	· -	290,000	290,000
Current portion of note payable	-	25,000	25,000
Accrued interest		83,062	83,062
Total Current Liabilities	60,576	398,062	458,638
Long-Term Liabilities:			
Bonds payable, net of current portion	-	4,315,000	4,315,000
Total Liabilities	60,576	4,713,062	4,773,638
Net Assets:			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	3,666,368	· ·	4,545,214
Restricted	683	35,414	36,097
Unrestricted	(935,609	) 6,792,754	<u>5,857,145</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$ 2,731,442	\$ 7,707,014	\$ 10,438,456

#### ROYALTON TOWNSHIP PROPRIETARY FUND PUBLIC UTILITY FUND

# STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

OPERATING REVENUES:	SEWER ACTIVITY	WATER ACTIVITY	TOTAL
Charges for services	\$ 571,270	\$ 221,396	\$ 792,666
OPERATING EXPENSES:			
Sewer treatment charges	226,666	-	226,666
Professional services	12,407	11,053	23,460
Salary and wages	24,151	-	24,151
Payroll taxes	1,848	-	1,848
Depreciation and amortization	118,714	172,639	291,353
Utilities	22,094	-	22,094
Supplies	17,713	-	17,713
Repairs and maintenance	33,556	-	33,556
Contribution to LMSWSTA	7,475	79,575	87,050
Miscellaneous	4,498	1,520	6,018
Total Operating Expenses	469,122	264,787	733,909
Operating Income (Loss)	102,148	(43,391)	58,757
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES):			
Interest income	32	284,200	284,232
Interest expense	-	(199,709)	(199,709)
Gain on sale of assets	121		121
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	153	84,491	84,644
Change in Net Assets	102,301	41,100	143,401
Total Net Assets - Beginning of the Year	2,629,141	7,665,914	10,295,055
TOTAL NET ASSETS - END OF THE YEAR	\$ 2,731,442	\$ 7,707,014	\$ 10,438,456

# ROYALTON TOWNSHIP PROPRIETARY FUND PUBLIC UTILITY FUND STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2008

	SEWER ACTIVITY	WATER ACTIVITY	TOTAL
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:  Cash receipts from customers  Other payments  Payments to employees	\$ 571,470 (11,720) (25,999)	-	\$ 1,119,398 (22,773) (25,999)
Payments to suppliers	(313,344)	(81,095)	(394,439)
Net cash provided by operating activities	220,407	455,780	676,187
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES: Interest paid on capital debt Principal paid on capital debt Sales of capital assets Purchases of capital assets	- - 2,613 	(203,750) (290,000) - (30,106)	(203,750) (290,000) 2,613 (30,106)
Net cash provided by (used by) capital and related financing activities	2,613	(523,856)	(521,243)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:  Special assessment interest received Interest and dividends received	32	208,015 76,185	208,047 76,185
Net cash provided by investing activities	32	284,200	284,232
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	223,052	216,124	439,176
Balances - Beginning of the Year	(1,097,602)	2,891,376	1,793,774
BALANCES - END OF THE YEAR	<u>\$ (874,550)</u>	\$ 3,107,500	\$ 2,232,950
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Operating income	\$ 102,148	\$ (43,391)	\$ 58,757
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization expense (Increase) decrease in:	118,714	172,639	291,353
Accounts receivable Increase (decrease) in:	200	326,532	326,732
Accounts payable Due to other governments	54,856 (55,511)	<u> </u>	54,856 (55,511)
Total Adjustments	118,259	499,171	617,430
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 220,407	\$ 455,780	\$ 676,187

#### ROYALTON TOWNSHIP SCHEDULE OF INDEBTEDNESS - 2005 PROJECT BONDS MARCH 31, 2008

COUNTY OF BERRIEN, STATE OF MICHIGAN BERRIEN COUNTY WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM NO. 26 PROJECT BONDS (ROYALTON TOWNSHIP)

ISSUE DATED SEPTEMBER 1, 2005 IN THE AMOUNT OF

\$535,000

YEAR ENDING MARCH 31,	INTEREST <u>RATE</u>	INTEREST DUE		PRINCIPAL DUE MAY 1,			TOTAL
2009	3.55%	\$	21,976	\$	15,000	\$	36,976
2010	3.70%		21,340		20,000		41,340
2011	3.80%		20,590		20,000		40,590
2012	3.90%		19,820		20,000		39,820
2013	4.00%		19,030		20,000		39,030
2014	4.10%		18,118		25,000		43,118
2015	4.15%		17,086		25,000		42,086
2016	4.20%		16,043		25,000		41,043
2017	4.25%		14,986		25,000		39,986
2018	4.30%		13,810		30,000		43,810
2019	4.35%		12,513		30,000		42,513
2020	4.40%		11,200		30,000		41,200
2021	4.45%		9,761		35,000		44,761
2022	4.50%		8,195		35,000		43,195
2023	4.55%		6,611		35,000		41,611
2024	4.60%		4,895		40,000		44,895
2025	4.65%		3,045		40,000		43,045
2026	4.70%	_	1,058	_	45,000	_	46,058
		\$_	240,077	\$_	515,000	<u>\$</u>	755,077

#### ROYALTON TOWNSHIP SCHEDULE OF INDEBTEDNESS - 2003 PROJECT BONDS MARCH 31, 2008

COUNTY OF BERRIEN, STATE OF MICHIGAN BERRIEN COUNTY WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM NO. 25 PROJECT BONDS (ROYALTON TOWNSHIP)

ISSUE DATED JANUARY 1, 2004 IN THE AMOUNT OF

\$2,600,000

YEAR ENDING MARCH 31,	INTEREST RATE	INTEREST DUE		PRINCIPAL DUE MAY 1,			<u>TOTAL</u>
2009	2.40%	\$	87,637	\$	100,000	\$	187,637
2010	2.70%		85,088		100,000		185,088
2011	3.00%		82,237		100,000		182,237
2012	3.15%		78,769		125,000		203,769
2013	3.35%		74,706		125,000		199,706
2014	3.40%		70,487		125,000		195,487
2015	3.55%		66,144		125,000		191,144
2016	3.70%		61,150		150,000		211,150
2017	3.80%		55,525		150,000		205,525
2018	3.90%		49,750		150,000		199,750
2019	4.00%		43,825		150,000		193,825
2020	4.10%		37,238		175,000		212,238
2021	4.20%		29,975		175,000		204,975
2022	4.30%		22,000		200,000		222,000
2023	4.40%		13,300		200,000		213,300
2024	4.45%		4,450	_	200,000	_	204,450
		\$	862,281	\$ 2	2,350,000	\$	3,212,281

#### ROYALTON TOWNSHIP SCHEDULE OF INDEBTEDNESS - 1998 PROJECT BONDS MARCH 31, 2008

COUNTY OF BERRIEN, STATE OF MICHIGAN BERRIEN COUNTY WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM NO. 23 PROJECT BONDS (ROYALTON TOWNSHIP)

ISSUE DATED JULY 1, 1998 IN THE AMOUNT OF

\$1,820,000

YEAR ENDING MARCH 31,	INTEREST RATE	IN	INTEREST DUE		RINCIPAL <u>JE <b>M</b>AY 1,</u>	TOTAL		
2009	4.40%	\$	53,213	\$	100,000	\$	153,213	
2010	4.50%		48,762		100,000		148,762	
2011	4.55%		44,238		100,000		144,238	
2012	4.55%		39,687		100,000		139,687	
2013	4.60%		35,113		100,000		135,113	
2014	4.65%		30,487		100,000		130,487	
2015	4.70%		25,813		100,000		125,813	
2016	4.70%		21,112		100,000		121,112	
2017	4.75%		15,794		125,000		140,794	
2018	4.75%		9,856		125,000		134,856	
2019	4.75%	_	3,443	_	145,000	_	148,443	
		\$	327,518	\$	1,195,000	\$	1,522,518	

#### ROYALTON TOWNSHIP SCHEDULE OF INDEBTEDNESS - 1988 EXTENSION BONDS MARCH 31, 2008

COUNTY OF BERRIEN, STATE OF MICHIGAN BERRIEN COUNTY WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM NO. 20 PROJECT BONDS (ROYALTON TOWNSHIP)

ISSUE DATED OCTOBER 1, 1994 IN THE AMOUNT OF

\$1,195,000

YEAR ENDING MARCH 31,	INTEREST RATE	IN	ITEREST DUE	 RINCIPAL JE MAY 1,	<u>TOTAL</u>	
2009	5.750%	\$	30,263	\$ 75,000	\$ 105,263	
2010	5.875%		25,903	75,000	100,903	
2011	6.000%		21,450	75,000	96,450	
2012	6.000%		16,950	75,000	91,950	
2013	6.000%		12,450	75,000	87,450	
2014	6.000%		7,950	75,000	82,950	
2015	6.000%		2,850	95,000	97,850	
		\$	117,816	\$ 545,000	\$ 662,816	

#### ROYALTON TOWNSHIP SCHEDULE OF INDEBTEDNESS - 2007 INSTALLMENT NOTE MARCH 31, 2008

YEAR ENDING MARCH 31,	INTEREST RATE	ANNUAL DEBT SERVICE		INTEREST <u>DUE</u>		PRINCIPAL DUE MAY 1,			BALANCE		
2009	4.09%	\$	40,000	\$	6,879	\$	33,121	\$	135,059		
2010	4.09%		40,000		5,524		34,476		100,583		
2011	4.09%		40,000		4,114		35,886		64,697		
2012	4.09%		40,000		2,646		37,354		27,343		
2013	4.09%		2 <u>8,461</u>	_	1,118	_	27,343		-		
		\$	188,461	\$	20,281	\$	168,180				

## Gerbel & Company, P.C.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Fifth Third Bank Building ■ 4th Floor ■ 830 Pleasant Street ■ P.O. Box 44 ■ St. Joseph, Michigan 49085-0044

June 24, 2008

#### Communication of Significant Deficiencies and Material Weaknesses

Township Board Royalton Township Berrien County, Michigan

To the Members of the Township Board:

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Royalton Township as of and for the year ended March 31, 2008, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered Royalton Township's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be significant deficiencies and other deficiencies that we consider to be material weaknesses.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or a combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control. We consider the following deficiencies to be significant deficiencies in internal control.

The Township is required by the Michigan Department of Treasury to create a special revenue fund for the money that was levied for street improvements. Currently this money is in the General Fund. We recommend that the Board approve the creation of a new special revenue fund to account for this money. After this fund is created the money that is held in the General Fund should be transferred to this new fund. In accordance with budgeting regulation, the Board is required to adopt a budget for this new special revenue fund.

### Right. On time.

As is the case with many organizations of similar size, the Township lacks a sufficient number of accounting personnel in order to ensure a complete segregation of duties within its Ideally, no single individual should ever be able to authorize a accounting functions. transaction, record the transaction in the accounting records, and maintain custody of the assets resulting from the transaction. Effectively, proper segregation of duties is intended to prevent an individual from committing an act of fraud or abuse and being able to conceal it. Events of recent years have given rise to a heightened awareness of the risks of fraud and abuse, especially in the governmental environment, where public accountability is at its highest. The purpose of internal controls is to provide reasonable, not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are properly authorized and recorded. Any limitation on the effectiveness of a government's internal controls carries with it a greater risk of fraud and abuse. Due to the size of the Township we recommend that the Township Board continue to review monthly information to mitigate this risk, and rely on the annual external audit to help identify and correct misstatements, as needed.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or a combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control. We believe that the following deficiency constitutes a material weakness:

During the audit we noted there was little or no review process for prepared bank reconciliations. We recommend that the bank reconciliations be reviewed on a timely basis by the Township manager, who is independent of the cash transaction cycle.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Township Board, and others within the organization, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

GERBEL & COMPANY, P.C. Certified Public Accountants

persel or Confany, P.C.

## Gerbel & Company, P.C.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Fifth Third Bank Building 4th Floor 830 Pleasant Street P.O. Box 44 St. Joseph, Michigan 49085-0044

June 24, 2008

Township Board Royalton Township Berrien County, Michigan

To the Township Board Members:

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Royalton Township for the year ended March 31, 2008, we considered its internal control structure in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purposes of expressing an opinion on the financial statements, but not to provide assurance on the internal control structure. However, certain matters were noted which we have included as recommendations that may be beneficial to the operation of the Township. These recommendations are in addition to our significant deficiencies and material weaknesses that were presented in a separate letter.

In connection with our audit of the books and records of Royalton Township for the year ending March 31, 2008, we offer the following comments and recommendations:

- 1. During the audit we learned that the Treasurer signature stamp is locked in the vault. We would recommend that this stamp be in the custody of the Township Manager who is independent of the cash transaction process.
- During the audit we noted that the individual accounting programs do not require a user name or password.
   We recommend all major computer programs be required to have a specific user name and password to access them to prevent unauthorized access.
- 3. During the audit we noted that in the Current Tax Fund there was a check reissued to Lakeshore Public Schools in the amount of \$27,449.59. However, a stop payment has not been issued on the previous check, number 3057, and is currently unaccounted for. We suggest that before reissuing a check the Township should issue a stop payment for the previous check. We recommend the Township issue a stop payment on this check.
- 4. During the audit we noted that the current policy and procedure manual has not been updated in quite some time. To promote strong internal control we recommend that this policy manual be reviewed by administration and the Board and be updated.
- While reviewing the Township's United States Tax Form 1099's, it was noted that no 1099's were issued to attorneys. The Township is required by law to issue 1099's to all attorneys which the Township pays during the year.
- During the audit we noted that there was no documentation that time cards were being reviewed. We recommend that all time cards be reviewed by the appropriate supervisor before payroll checks are prepared.

#### Right. On time.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by the management and employees of the Township and trust that these comments and suggestions will be received in the spirit of cooperation in which they are offered.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of Royalton Township's Board. This restriction is not intended to limit distribution of this report which is a matter of public record.

If we can be of any help in implementing any of these suggestions, or if you have any questions regarding these or any other matters, please feel free to contact us.

Very truly yours,

belef & Congrany, P.C. GÉRBEL & COMPANY, P.C.

Certified Public Accountants